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<i>Application Number</i>	10/050,593
<i>Filing Date</i>	January 16, 2002
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Charles A. KING
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1636
<i>Examiner Name</i>	D. Lambertson
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	N1375-002

Title of the Invention: **Herbicide Resistant Dinitrogen Fixing Bacteria
and Method of Use**

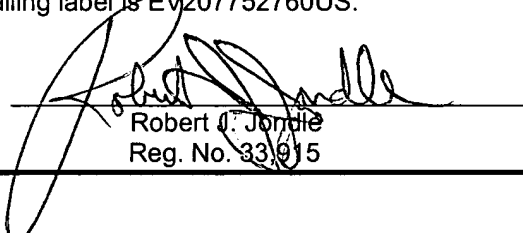
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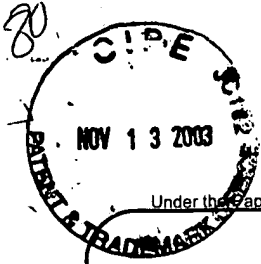
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 13, 2003, please enter the amendments contained on the following pages, which are summarized below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 8 of this paper.



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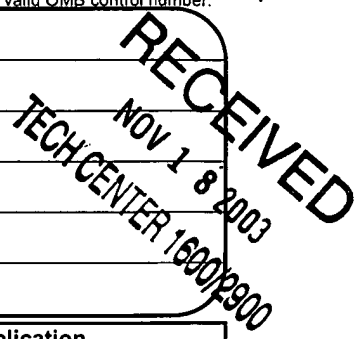
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other 3-month extension of time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

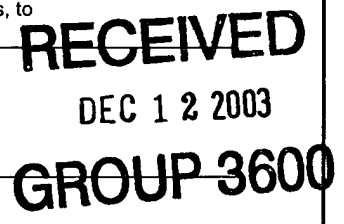
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other Shortage or overage of fees

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003 (Small Entity)		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/050,593
		Filing Date	January 16, 2002
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		Examiner Name	D. Lambertson
Group Art Unit		1636	
Total Amount of Payment	(\$860.00)	Attorney Docket Number	N1375-002

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ Payment Enclosed:
 - ☒ Check
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FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

Fee Code	Fee \$	Fee Description	Fee Paid
2001	385	Utility filing fee	[]
2002	170	Design Filing Fee	[]
2003	265	Plant Filing Fee	[]
2004	385	Reissue Filing Fee	[]
2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	[]

SUBTOTAL \$

2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee	Fee Paid
[] - 20** = [] x		\$ 9 = []	
Claims [] - 3** = [] x		43 = []	
Multiple Dependent Claims +		145 = []	

**or number previously paid, if greater;

SUBTOTAL \$

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Fee Paid	Fee Description
2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
2252	210	Extension for reply within second month
2253	475	Extension for reply within third month
2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month
2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month
2401	165	Notice of Appeal
2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
2403	145	Request for Oral Hearing
1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
2452	55	Petition to revive -unavoidable
2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional
2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
2502	240	Design issue fee
2503	320	Plant issue fee
1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement
8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR .129(a))
2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
1504	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication
1505	300	Publication fee for republication
1455	200	Filing an application for patent term adjustment
1456	400	Request for reinstatement of term reduced
		Other fee (specify)

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